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Chapter 12. State Poet Laureate

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"Commission"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana arts commission established by IC 4-23-2-1.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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"Selection committee"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "selection committee" refers to the committee described in section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Selection of poet laureate

Sec. 3. The poet laureate of Indiana shall be selected under this chapter.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Establishment of selection committee

Sec. 4. (a) The selection committee consists of the following eight (8) members:

(1) Seven (7) members selected by the commission who represent state supported and private institutions of higher education.

(2) The executive director of the commission.

(b) The president of each of the institutions selected under subsection (a)(1) shall name a faculty member to serve on the selection committee. The faculty member must:

(1) be a member of the fine arts or English department of the institution; and

(2) teach writing.

(c) The executive director of the commission:

(1) is the chair of; and

(2) shall establish the meeting times and dates for;

the selection committee.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Duties of selection committee

Sec. 5. The selection committee shall do the following:

(1) Meet on a biennial basis to select the poet laureate.

(2) Determine a method of selecting the poet laureate.

(3) Select a poet laureate not later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(4) Permit a person to be selected as poet laureate even if the person has previously served as poet laureate.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Poet laureate's term of service

Sec. 6. A person selected as poet laureate serves a two (2) year term that begins January 1 following the poet laureate's selection.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Duties of poet laureate

Sec. 7. (a) The poet laureate shall do the following:

- (1) Make a formal appearance at schools, libraries, and other educational facilities.
- (2) Offer advice to the commission concerning ways to further the art of poetry in Indiana.
- (3) Represent Indiana and the art of poetry to the education community and the public.

(b) The department of education shall assist the poet laureate in scheduling the poet laureate's appearances in educational facilities and at other appropriate events.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Annual honorarium for poet laureate

Sec. 8. (a) The commission may pay an annual honorarium of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to the poet laureate.

(b) The commission may pay a per diem to the poet laureate for each day that the poet laureate makes an appearance under this chapter.

(c) The commission may pay travel expenses to a member of the selection committee unless the member's institution reimburses the member for the expenses.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.

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Payment of expenses from commission funds

Sec. 9. All expenses and other payments permitted under this chapter shall be paid from appropriations to or other funds of the commission.

As added by P.L.164-2005, SEC.1.